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Wiener Neustadt Airfield and Military Post

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REMARKS

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1. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 10 November 1953, 48 MiG-15s, 2 Yak-11s, and 2 biplanes were observed at Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield. There was a 6/10 overcast, temporarily a strong easterly wind, and ground fog up to 9:30 a.m. Subsequently, there was a visibility of 20 km and a cloud base at an altitude of about 1,500 meters. Around 11 a.m., a biplane took off, circled for about 30 minutes and then landed in front of the flight control station.<sup>1</sup> A sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was posted in front of the flight control building. A senior lieutenant wearing blue service color and 26 EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets arrived at the flight control station, coming from the Nachrichten Kaserne. Vehicular traffic observed included trucks [redacted] all with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. A new small cone-shaped antenna with a disk on the antenna mast was observed just southwest of the southernmost building of the flight control station. Motor vehicles parked in the area of the eastern garage included 5 trucks, 2 tank trucks, 3 van-like trucks, and 3 Stalin-type tractors. [redacted]

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The southern AA gun emplacement which was not occupied by AA guns was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] and sedan [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were observed on the approach road moving toward the western flight control station.

2. Two MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangar at Theresienfeld. A canvas-covered Il-28 was observed at the eastern side of the hangar.<sup>2</sup> Two trucks, 4 van-like trucks and 1 motor vehicle with a loading device for piece goods were parked on the motor vehicle parking lot.
3. The Nachrichten Kaserne was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Five trucks, 1 tank truck, and 2 van-like trucks were parked in the barracks yard. Vehicular traffic observed involved jeeps [redacted]

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[redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. The barracks installation seemed to be more heavily occupied than previously. The Artillerie Kaserne was guarded by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. The cone-shaped antenna with a disk and the rod antenna on the roof of the main building of the barracks installation were dismantled, while the two van-like trucks with rod antennas and the small cone-shaped antenna with an 8-meter-high antenna mast and a disk on top were still located in the northern section of the barracks yard. Vehicular traffic observed involved sedan

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[redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. An officer with blue service color and 5 EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were checking a thick cable which terminated in the middle barracks building in line with the windows of the basement.

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[redacted] the Artillerie Kaserne housed the central for all signal communications of the airfield and the pertaining installations.

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1. [redacted] Comment. It appears that Wiener Neustadt airfield is still occupied by two fighter regiments and a fighter division headquarters.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] an Il-28 at the airfield on 7 November 1953. Possibly, the aircraft had meanwhile taxied back to Theresienfeld.

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